

## College Readiness Courses for High School Seniors

Students who successfully complete the remedial coursework program while in high school are able to avoid College readiness courses at South Dakota's Technical Institutes and Board of Regents institutions and with direction from their university admissions, register directly into credit-bearing college-level courses, saving both time and money.

### Information for School Districts

The college readiness courses program is offered through the South Dakota Virtual School by DIAL. Students must register for coursework through their local school district through the South Dakota Virtual School.

The college readiness courses program is recommended for students with modest skill gaps in English, reading, and math. Please use the following chart as a guide when registering students.

		ACT Sub-scores									
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22 or Higher
Reading Sub-score		Marked				Extensive		Modest		College Ready	
Math Sub-score		Marked			Extensive		Modest		College Ready		
English Sub-score		Marked	Extensive		Modest		College Ready				

When registering students through the South Dakota Virtual School, you will be asked to enter the student's sub-score for the specific content area.

Registrations for students with ACT sub-scores within 1-2 points of college readiness cut scores for more than one subject area OR students with an ACT sub-score within 3 points of the college readiness cut score in one subject area will be processed immediately. Registration for students without an ACT score or students who have scored more than three points below the ACT college readiness benchmarks will be considered on a case-by-case basis. School personnel should contact Erin Larsen at the South Dakota Department of Education prior to registering these students on the South Dakota Virtual School.

Coursework is available for English, reading, and math in 10-week, 6-month, and 12-month timeframes. Courses range in cost from \$125-\$175 depending on the timeframe selected.

Payment for coursework is required upon registration either by the student or the school district. Students can pay directly via credit card at <http://midcentral-coop.org/paypal/>. If payment is not made by the student, DIAL will bill the school directly for the coursework. Reimbursement for payment will be made to either the student or the school district upon completion of the coursework within the registered timeframe.

An employee of the school district must proctor the two Accuplacer exams required for participation in the college readiness courses program. Once a student's registration has been processed, the listed proctor will receive an email with the instructions for accessing the exam. The student will also receive an email letting him or her know they have been registered for the course. After the first Accuplacer exam has been completed, both the student and the proctor will receive a second email with directions on how to access the assigned coursework. When the student has completed the assigned coursework, the proctor will receive a final email with instructions for proctoring the final Accuplacer exam. Final Accuplacer scores will be reported to the student, proctor, and Board of Regents.

### **Reimbursement for Cost of Coursework**

High school seniors enrolled in public school districts who complete the college readiness courses during their registered time frame are eligible for reimbursement for the full cost of up to three separate courses.

Coursework may be repeated at student expense.

**All coursework must be completed by July 15, 2015 in order to count towards the Fall 2015 semester.**